

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**OVERNIGHT PAVING FINISHES ON STATE ROUTE 53  
AND SWITCHES TO STATE ROUTE 13 - I-985 NORTH  
WORK THIS WEEK, WEATHER PERMITTING**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 11

**WHERE:** State Route (SR) 53/Mundy Mill Road from Blackshear Place to Walmart  
SR 13/Atlanta Highway from Frontage Road to Blackshear Place  
I-985 north at SR 53, Exit 16

**WHAT:** Overnight paving finishes tonight on State Route 53 if weather permits. Crews are finishing adding the top layer of asphalt to the right turn lanes of Mundy Mill Road.

Tomorrow night, crews will begin resurfacing of SR 13/Atlanta Highway from Frontage Road to Blackshear Place. Work is planned Sundays through Thursdays starting at 7:00 p.m. and working overnight to 6:00 a.m. the next morning. It will take about 2 weeks to complete the paving on Atlanta Highway.

The inside southbound lane of SR 13 that is currently closed will open to traffic once both southbound lanes are paved and striped.

The asphalt must cure for 30 days before the permanent striping can be applied.

Tuesday, crews will begin removing the asphalt from the I-985 northbound traffic shift at SR 53. This area was used by traffic while the bridge over SR 53 was built. The inside or left lane of I-985 north will be closed tomorrow through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for this work to occur.

“We are still on target to have everything finished on this project except for punch list work by Labor Day. We will have a few lane closures after Labor Day to wrap things up like the permanent striping on SR 53 and SR 13. Thank you for your patience as we work,” concluded McMurry, DOT District Engineer.

Delays are expected in the work zone. Please avoid the work zone if possible.

Motorists are advised to slow down and use extra caution in the work zone. Speed limits have been reduced and will be strictly enforced. City of Oakwood Police will be on scene.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

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